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1. AN ITEM IN CULIACAN'S EL DEBATE OF JANUARY 11 ENTITLED, A CALL TO UNITY TO TERMINATE THE VIOLENCE, QUOTED FROM AN ADDRESS OF GOVERNOR CALDERON BEFORE A GROUP OF BANKERS AS SAYING THAT THE TERMINATION OF VIOLENCE CANNOT BE ACHIEVED BY THE BLINKING OF THE EYES, THE WAIVING OF A MAGIC WAND OR A DIVINE ATTITUDE, BUT THAT IT IS NECWSSARY TO JOIN FORCES TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL CLIMATE. HE TOLD THE BANKERS THAT THEY COULD PROVIDE THE INFORMATION THAT WOULD EXPOSE THE INDIVIDUALS CONNECTED WITH CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES IN CULIACAN BUT THEY HAD TO REMAIN SILENT BECAUSE OF THEIR ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN THE TRANSACTIONS. IN ANOTHER EXAMPLE, THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT THE SELLERS OF AUTOMOBILES FOR CASH KNEW THE NAMES OF THOSE INVOLVED IN CRIMD BUT THEY, LIKE MANY OTHERS, REMAINED SILENT. HE REQUESTED THE BANKERS TO DEVISE SOME MEANS TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO APPREHEND THESE INDIVIDUALS AND THUS HELP BRING PEACE TO CULIACAN. HE COMMENTED THAT THEIR ATTITUDE, WHICH IMPAIRS THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM IN CULIACAN, ALSO PREVAILED THROUGHOUT ALL OF MEXICO.

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2. IN ANOTHER ITEM IN THE SAME NEWS PAPER, SAME DATE, THE MAYOR OF CULIACAN PROMISED A GROUP OF NEWSMEN THAT HE WOULD EXPOSE THE "UNTOUCHABLES" AND THAT HE WOULD KEEP THE PRESS FULLY INFORMED ABOUT THE CRIME SITUATION ON A WEEKLY BASIS. HE GAVE THE PRESS FIGURES FOR THE PAST WEEK WHICH INCLUDED 6 HOMICIDES, 10 WOUNDED BY FIREARMS, 32 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND ONE PERSON WHO BIT A DOG. HE SAID THAT WITH REGARD TO THE SHOOTINGS , THAT THESE HAD DIMINISHED

CONSIDERABLY. HE FURTHER COMMENTED THAT THE PEOPLE OF CULIACAN WERE FINE CITIZENS BUT THAT MOST OF THE TROUBLE WAS CAUSED BY OUTSIDERS WHO CAME TO DEAL IN NARCOTICS.

3. A COLUMNIST. PEDRO PUEBLO, IN THE SAME NEWSPAPER, SAME DATE RECOMMENDED THAT INSTEAD OF THE SINALOA GOVERNMENT SENDING DELEGATIONS TO THE UNITED STATES TO COUNTERACT ADVERSE TOURIST PUBLICITY THAT THEY CONCENTRATE ON EXERCISING MORE AUTHORITY TO STEM THE TIDE OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES IN CULIACAN.

4. THE RECENT MURDER ON CULIACAN'S MAIN STREET OF A MEXICAN YOUTH TRAVELING WITH AN AMERICAN WOMAN WAS LAMENTED IN "LA VOZ DE SINALOA OF JANUARY 8. IN THE ARTICLE THE REPORTER SAID THAT THE STATE JUDICIAL POLICE WERE AFRAID THAT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE MIGHT MAKE A RECOMMENDATION THAT TOURISTS REFRAIN FROM TRAVELING TO MEXICO AND PRINCIPALLY PASSING THROUGH SINALOA. IT WAS REPORTED THAT INDIVIDUALS CONNECTED WITH TOURISM HAVE REQUESTED THE GOVERNOR TO REINFORCE VIGILANCE AND PROVIDE PROTECTION AGAINST THE DANGERS OF INSECURITY WHICH AFFECT NOT ONLY FOREIGN TOURISTS BUT ALSO MEXICAN NATIONALS. A GROUP THAT HAS GONE TO THE UNITED STATES TO PROMOTE TOURISM (SEE MAZATLAN'S 015) WILL INFORM THE U.S. PUBLIC THAT THE ARMY HAS BEEN CALLED OUT TO PATROL THE HIGHWAY AT THE REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO.

5. THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ARTICLES AND OTHER LOCAL COMMENT INDICATE THAT GOVERNMENT REALIZES WHERE PROBLEM LIES AND IS ENDEAVORING PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SECURITY. HOWEVER, INTERNAL CRIME SITUATION CULIACAN WHICH INDIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH HIGHWAY ASSAULTS WILL BE HARD NUT TO CRACK.

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